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## **GLEN CANYON – NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Search and Recovery of Sunken Vessels through Volunteer Program**

Page, AZ – Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, through the Volunteers-In-Park (VIP) Program, is planning to recover and dispose of wreckage and large debris that is emerging along the shoreline of Lake Powell. Mr. Jim Cross, of Cross International Search and Recovery Company from American Fork, UT, has volunteered his time and equipment at no cost to the government, to conduct search and recovery operations to assist the park in its on-going effort to maintain clean waters at Lake Powell.

Mr. Cross first contacted officials at Glen Canyon NRA to discuss the possibilities of this volunteer project last fall. The Cross family has had a long-standing interest in the Lake Powell area and wanted to do a project to support the park. The clean-up project will be staged over the month of March to take advantage of the seasonally low lake level.

The boat wreckage that can be identified in the recovery process will be removed from the shoreline and stored in designated staging areas. The National Park Service will be contacting the owner of record to arrange for the removal of stockpiled debris from the park at the owner's expense. Any materials that cannot be traced back to specific owners will be removed by the National Park Service through contracted services with individuals and companies authorized



under the Individual Business Permit (IBP) program. Individuals or companies interested in more information about the IBP program are welcome to contact Marianne Karraker in the Business Management Division at Glen Canyon NRA at (928) 608-6325.

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